

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating an application data signal, ~~the~~ the apparatus comprising:

a receiver for receiving a content signal comprising embedded application data;

an extraction processor for extracting the application data from the content signal;

a data storage for storing the content signal and the application data; and

an application data generator for generating an application data signal by retrieving the stored application data from the data storage separately from the content signal.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ ~~The~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a communication processor ~~operable to communicate for communicating~~ the application data signal at a data rate higher than an average application data rate of the content signal.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ ~~The~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content signal is a video signal.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ ~~The~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content signal is an audio signal.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1<sub>...</sub> wherein the content signal is an MPEG 2 encoded content signal.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1<sub>...</sub> wherein the content signal is an interactive audiovisual signal and the application data is interactive application data.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 6<sub>...</sub> wherein the interactive audiovisual signal is a broadcast interactive TV signal.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1<sub>...</sub> wherein the extraction processor comprises means for storing the application data and content data of the content signal separately in the data storage.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1<sub>...</sub> wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to modify~~modifies an application data indication of the content signal.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 9<sub>...</sub> wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to modify~~modifies the application data indication of the content signal by removing a data indication related to application data that has been removed  
5 from the content signal.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to modify~~modifies the application data indication of the content signal ~~to~~ to be associated with the application data stored in the data storage.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to modify~~modifies the application data indication of the content signal to comprise a network server identity through which the application data signal  
5 can be accessed.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to remove~~removes at least some of the application data from the content signal.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus is a digital recording device.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application data is interactive TV data.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction processor ~~is operable to store~~stores the content signal and the application data in the data storage according to different storage protocols.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises a communication element for communicating the application data signal and the content signal according to different communication protocols.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of generating an application data signal, ~~the method comprising the steps of:~~

receiving an content signal comprising embedded application data;

5 extracting the application data from the content signal;  
storing the content signal and the application data; ~~and~~  
generating an application data signal by retrieving the stored application data separately from the content signal.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A record-carrier comprising computer-readable medium having a computer program as claimed in claim 19 stored thereon, said computer program, when loaded on a computer, causing the computer to execute the steps of the method as claimed in claim 18.~~

5 in claim 18.